

Welcome to
Washington, D.C.!



Representative Richard H. Baker

Dear Friends,

Like Louisiana, Washington is a fascinating and beautiful place to visit. Many of its historical and popular attractions are open to the public year-round, and most are free of charge. This brochure lists popular tour sites in Washington, the hours of operation, telephone numbers, websites, and maps.



I am pleased to arrange Congressional Tours of the Capitol, Library of Congress, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Supreme Court for residents of Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. To reserve space on these tours, telephone my Washington office. My staff will be happy to help you in any way they can. Special restrictions apply for certain locations; therefore, please contact my office to learn details pertaining to these Washington sites.

Because of the number of visitors to our Nation's Capital, please contact me as soon as you know your travel dates. Many tours require at least six weeks advance notice to ensure Congressional tour reservations. However public tours of most of the sights in Washington are almost always available.

I invite you to visit "your" office when you come to Washington. It is always a pleasure to welcome Louisianians to the Nation's Capital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard H. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard H. Baker
Member of Congress

Capitol Hill

Library of Congress

Independence Avenue and 1st Street, SE. Open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tours run at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The Library asks that groups over 10 make a reservation. All tours begin at the ground floor of the Madison Building. Telephone: (202) 707-5458; for group tours: (202) 707-0919. www.loc.gov

M: ●● Capitol South

The United States Capitol Building

This world famous "temple" of democracy sits atop Capitol Hill overlooking the National Mall. Come visit the galleries to see Members of the House of Representatives and Senate debate legislation, the Rotunda, and chambers where the House, Senate and Supreme Court originally met. Gallery passes are required for access to the House and Senate Chambers, and can be obtained from my office. Guided public tours run Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Same day tickets and tour times will be distributed each morning at 8:15 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Each visitor must be present to collect his/her individual ticket and secure a reservation. The tour line begins on the West Lawn of the Capitol. Telephone: (202) 225-6827. www.house.gov/house/Visitor.html

M: ●● Capitol South

The United States Supreme Court

1st Street and East Capital Street, NE. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitor seating available during Court sessions. Lectures are scheduled Monday through Friday on days when Court is not in session. Telephone: (202) 479-3030.

www.supremecourtus.gov

M: ●● Capitol South

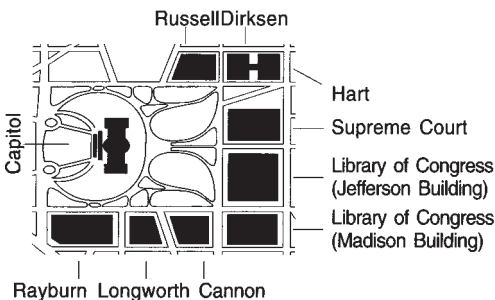
Union Station

Intersection of 1st Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NE. Renovated train station including the national headquarters of Amtrak. This historic building originally opened in 1908 and was renovated in 1988. Stores open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

Restaurant hours vary. (202) 371-9441

www.unionstationdc.com

M: ● Union Station



National Mall

Korean War Memorial

Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial. The life size statues of soldiers commemorate those who fought in the Korean War. Open 24 hours, year round.

<http://www.nps.gov/kowa/index.htm>

M: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Lincoln Memorial

West end of the Mall at 23rd Street, NW. Dedicated to the sixteenth President of the United States. The 19 feet tall statue of Lincoln is surrounded by the text of his second inaugural address and the Gettysburg Address. Open 24 hours, year round.

<http://www.nps.gov/linc/index.htm>

M: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

National World War II Memorial

Located on the National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Memorial. Commemorates the sacrifice and celebrates the victory of the WWII generation.

<http://www.nps.gov/nwwm/index.htm>

M: ● ● Foggy Bottom - Farragut West

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW. Constructed of black granite to honor and recognize the American men and women who served in the Vietnam War. Open 24 hours, year round.

<http://www.nps.gov/vive/index.htm>

M: ● ● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Washington Monument

15th Street, NW. Dedicated to the first President of the United States, this monument is the tallest masonry structure in the world. Free tickets are distributed daily from the kiosk on the Washington Monument grounds at 15th Street and Madison Drive on a first-come first-served basis. Hours for the ticket kiosk are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but tickets run out early. Advance reservations may be made between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. by calling 1-800-967-2283 or over the internet at <http://reservations.nps.gov>.

Those making advance reservations will be charged a \$1.50 service fee per ticket, plus a \$.50 handling fee per order. Hours for the Washington Monument are 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., closed December 25. Please note, no food, drink, or large bags are allowed in the monument.

M: ● ● Smithsonian

West Potomac Park

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Located between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River at West Basin and Ohio Drives. Dedicated to the thirty-second President of the United States. Walk through outdoor galleries for each of FDR's four terms in office. Open 24 hours, year round.

<http://www.nps.gov/frde/index.htm>

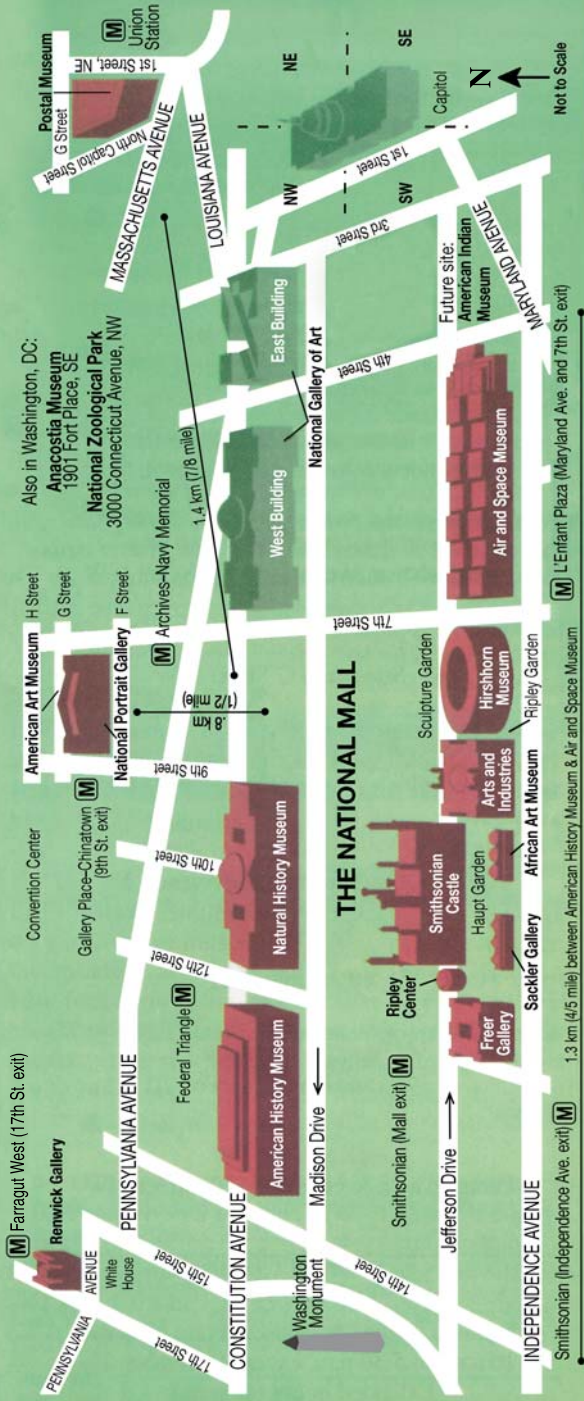
M: ● ● Smithsonian

Jefferson Memorial

South Bank of the Tidal Basin at West Potomac Park. The sculpted bronze statue of Jefferson stands in the center of the colonnaded structure, which was dedicated on the 200th birthday of Jefferson, the third President of the United States. Open 24 hours, year round.

<http://www.nps.gov/thje/index.htm>

M: ● ● Smithsonian



National Mall

National Mall Map

Smithsonian Institution Museum Group

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

1050 Independence Avenue

Arts and Industry Building

900 Jefferson Drive, SW

Freer Gallery of Art

Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW

Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Independence Avenue at 7th Street, SW

Museum of the American Indian

Independence Avenue at 4th Street, SW

National Air and Space Building

Independence Avenue and 6th Street, SW

National Museum of African Art

318 A Street, NE

National Museum of American Art

14th and Constitution Avenue, NW

National Museum of Natural History

10th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW

National Portrait Gallery

8th and F Streets, NW

National Postal Museum

2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.

Renwick Gallery

Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, NW

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Admission is free. All museums are open daily
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., except December 25.
Extended hours for spring and summer for some museums.

24-hour recorded information at (202) 357-2020.

www.si.edu/visit

Museums

Capital Children's Museum

800 Third Street, NE. Interactive, hands-on museum for children visiting the Nation's Capital. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except holidays. Admission: Adults \$7; Senior Citizens \$5; Children under two and members free. Half-price on Sunday before noon with no other discount. Telephone: (202) 675-4120

<http://www.ccm.org/>

M: ● Union Station

Corcoran Gallery of Art

17th Street and New York Avenue, NW. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Founded in 1869, the Corcoran was one of the first fine art museums in the nation. Admission: Adults \$5; Senior Citizens \$4; Students with a current ID \$3. Telephone: (202) 639-1700

<http://www.corcoran.org/>

M: ●● Farragut West

Old Post Office Tower

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Former Washington, D.C., city post office. Be sure to visit the observation tower for a wonderful view of the city. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

(10 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. mid-April through Labor Day).

Telephone: (202) 289-4224

<http://oldpostofficedc.com/>

M: ●● Federal Triangle

Spy Museum

F Street NW between 8th and 9th Street. Gain access to the world's largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. Explore interactive exhibits and discover the history of espionage from biblical times to the present day. Zola restaurant offers American style food. Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April through October. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. November through March. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission: Adults \$13; Senior Citizens \$12; Children K-12: \$10; and children under 5 free. Telephone: (202) 393-7798

www.spymuseum.org

M: ●●● Gallery Place/Chinatown

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

100 Raoul Wallenburg Place, SW. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except Christmas and Yom Kippur. Admission is free. Timed passes are required. Same-day passes are available at the Museum Box office starting at 10 a.m. and are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Telephone: (202) 488-0400. Advance passes for the Holocaust exhibit can be obtained by calling: (800) 400-9373.

www.ushmm.org

M: ●● Smithsonian

Famous Homes

Arlington House/Robert E. Lee Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery. 200 acres of the Robert E. Lee family property at Arlington were taken during the Civil War for a cemetery to accommodate gravesites for casualties from the War. October - March 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through September, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
<http://www.nps.gov/arho/index.htm>

M: ● Arlington Cemetery

Cedar Hill

1411 W Street, SE. Home of nationally acclaimed orator and champion of the oppressed, Frederick Douglass. Tours of the house, gardens and the Growlery available for a nominal fee of \$3 per person, 6 and under free. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take I-295 south to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, turn left on W Street, 3 blocks.

Telephone: (202) 426-5961

<http://www.nps.gov/frdo/>

M: Metrobus

Mount Vernon

George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA. Sixteen miles from downtown Washington, D.C. George Washington's 18th Century home. Open daily, September through March, 9 a.m., April through August 8 a.m. Closes November through February 4 p.m., March through October 5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$10; Senior Citizens \$10.50; Children 6-11 \$5; under 5 free. Telephone: (703) 780-2000

<http://www.mountvernon.org/>

M: Metrobus

Octagon House

18th Street, E Street and New York Avenue, NW. Architectural exhibits. James Madison's "White House" following the destruction of the real White House by the British in 1814. Open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended summer hours: Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Monday. Telephone: (202) 638-3105
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/wash/dc22.htm>

M: ●● Farragut West

Petersen House

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. "The House Where Lincoln Died"

The home of William Petersen, where President Lincoln was taken after being shot at Ford's Theater. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
<http://www.nps.gov/foth/hwld.htm>

M: ●●● Metro Center

White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Please contact my office regarding tours of the White House as restrictions apply. The White House Visitor's Center located across from the White House is accessible to the public. The center is open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and features many aspects of the White House, including its architecture, furnishings, first families, social events, relations with the press and world leaders, as well as a thirty-minute video. Allow between 20 minutes to 1 1/2 hours to explore the exhibits. Telephone: (202) 456-7041

www.whitehouse.gov

M: ●● McPherson Square

Historic Areas

Georgetown

Georgetown is over 300 years old, making it the oldest neighborhood in Washington. Once a busy tobacco port, it is where George Washington planned our nation's capital. Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," lived and practiced law here. As a senator, John F. Kennedy lived here as well.

<http://www.georgetowndc.com/>

The closest metro stop is Foggy Bottom, a 5 - 10 block walk.

C&O Canal

This canal, which stretches from Georgetown to Cumberland, Maryland, was built to link the resources from rural areas to the cities of the East. Coal, grain and lumber were transported into Georgetown by mule-drawn barges until 1924.

<http://www.georgetowndc.com/canal/canal.php>

Embassy Row

Massachusetts Avenue between Dupont Circle and Observatory Circle, north of Georgetown. Mansions of wealthy Washington socialites before the 1930's, these edifices now house many embassies and chanceries.

http://www.embassy.org/embassy_row/

M: ● Dupont Circle

Georgetown University

Founded in 1789 by John Carrol and the Society of Jesuits, a worldwide order of Catholic priests. George Washington visited the oldest surviving building on the campus, Old North. Built in 1795, the building housed his grandnephews, Augustine and Bushrod. Today Georgetown University is the oldest Catholic university in the United States, ranking among the most distinguished institutions in the nation.

<http://www.georgetown.edu/>

Old Town Alexandria

Old Town Alexandria was founded by Scottish tobacco merchants in 1749. Originally a part of Washington, D.C., in 1846, Old Town was removed from the District of Columbia and returned to Virginia. In the 1980's, Old Town re-cobblestoned the streets, rebricked the sidewalks, installed gardens and patios, and restored over 1000 historic facades.

www.inoldtown.info

M: ●● King Street

Walk east on King Street. A DASH bus runs from the Metro to Old Town at random intervals.

Carlyle House

121 North Fairfax Street. The home of Scottish merchant John Carlyle showcases Alexandria's favorite century. It is patterned after 18th century Scottish and northern English homes. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tours are given on every hour and on the half hour. Admission: Adults \$4; Children 11-17 \$2; under 10 free.

Telephone: (703) 549-2997

<http://www.carlylehouse.org/>

Christ Church

118 N. Washington Street, at Cameron Street. This redbrick Colonial building with a dome steeple and an old cemetery was the place of worship for George Washington and Robert E. Lee. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to noon, and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Guided tours are available, free of charge.

Telephone: (703) 549-1450 (703) 549-1450

<http://www.historicchristchurch.org/>

Other Points of Interest

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

14th and C Streets, SW. Open Monday through Friday. Tickets are required March through September. Same-day tickets must be picked up from the ticket booth at 8 a.m. located on Raoul Wallenberg Way. No tickets required October through February and you may line up at the Visitors' Entrance on 14th Street. Tours include a demonstration

of how U.S. currency is printed. Telephone: (202) 874-3188

<http://www.moneyfactory.com/locations/index.cfm/3>

M: ●●● Smithsonian

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

E Street between 9th and 10th Streets, NW. Please contact my office concerning tours. Telephone: (202) 324-3447

www.fbi.gov

M: ●●● Metro Center

Ford's Theatre

10th Street between E and F Streets, NW. Ford's Theatre is the place where President Abraham Lincoln was shot in April of 1865.

Open Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone: (202) 426-6924

www.fordstheatre.org

M: ●●● Metro Center

Take the 11th Street exit. Walk straight ahead to the corner, which is 11th and F Streets, NW. Turn left one block to 10th Street and turn right onto 10th. Ford's Theatre is located on the left, half way down the block between F and E Streets.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Public tours of the Kennedy Center are conducted Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tours depart from the parking plaza on Level A, and feature the Hall of States and Hall of Nations, the Center's main theaters, and dozens of paintings, sculptures, and other artworks given to the Center by foreign countries. The Kennedy Center provides a free shuttle to and from the Metro station. Telephone: (202) 416-8340

www.kennedy-center.org

M: ●●● Foggy Bottom - GWU

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

5th and E Streets, NW. The memorial of marble walls inscribed with the names of more than 13,500 officers is dedicated to U.S. law enforcement officers who have lost their lives while on duty since 1794. Open Daily, 24 hours. Telephone: (202) 737-3400

<http://www.nleomf.com/>

M: ●●● Judiciary Square

National Aquarium

U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. The National Aquarium is the oldest public aquarium in the U.S. Open Daily, 9a.m. - 5p.m. Admission: Ages 11 and up \$3.50; Ages 2-10 \$1; Senior Citizens and Military Personnel \$3. Telephone: (202) 482-2825

www.nationalaquarium.com

M: ●●● Federal Triangle

National Archives

8th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. See the original Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Open daily at 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. April 1 through Labor Day)

Telephone: (202) 501-5000

www.archives.gov

M: ●●● Archives - Navy Memorial

U.S. Botanic Garden

First Street and Maryland Avenue, SW. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Near the U.S. Capitol, this glass building is the oldest botanic garden in America. Features both exotic and native flora. Telephone: (202) 225-7099

http://www.aoc.gov/USBG/usbgs_overview.htm

M: ●●● Federal Center SW

Other Points of Interest

Arlington National Cemetery

Open daily October through March, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open daily April through September, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every hour during the winter months, and every half hour during the rest of the year. Free admission. Telephone: (703) 607-8052

www.arlingtoncemetery.com

M: ● Arlington Cemetery

National Geographic-Explorers Hall

17th and M Streets, NW. Changing exhibits highlight exploration and research. The Hall includes the world's largest unmounted globe and an interactive science center for geography. Open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone: (202) 857-7588.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorer/index.html>

M: ● Farragut North

National Zoological Park

3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Home of two Chinese Giant Pandas and over 3,000 other animals. Visit "Amazonia", a recreated rain forest. Park grounds open, April 4 through October 25: Grounds are open: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Buildings are open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 26 through April 3: Grounds are open: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and buildings are open: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: (202) 673-4893

<http://natzoo.si.edu/default.cfm>

M: ● Woodley Park - Zoo

Pentagon

Arlington, Va. Please contact my office concerning tours.

Telephone: (703) 695-1776

<http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pentagon/>

M: ●● Pentagon

State Department

2201 C Street, NW. 45-minute tours of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms run three times a day, Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Tours begin at the C Street entrance. Reservations are mandatory and must be made 4 weeks in advance. Only 25 visitors allowed on each tour. Telephone: (202) 647-3241

www.state.gov

M: ●● Foggy Bottom - GWU

U.S. Naval Observatory

34th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. Tours are available at 8:30 p.m., Monday evenings and by reservation only. Tour includes presentations about the Master Clock, observations through telescopes and discussions with staff astronomers. Groups of 15 or more should call for reservations. Telephone: (202) 762-1069

<http://www.usno.navy.mil/>

M: ● Friendship Heights then use the MetroBus

Washington National Cathedral

Intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, located north of Georgetown. Every president since Theodore Roosevelt has come to Washington National Cathedral. Helen Keller and Woodrow Wilson are buried here, and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his last Sunday sermon from the Canterbury pulpit. Open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and between services on Sundays until 5 p.m. Extended summer hours are weekdays May through Labor Day. Gardens are open each day until dusk. Guided tours available Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., except during services. Sunday tours, 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Telephone: (202) 537-5596

www.cathedral.org/cathedral/

M: Metrobus

Helpful Hints



CONGRESSIONAL TOURS: Call my Washington office well in advance for help in planning your trip to Washington, D.C. Congressional tours are limited. Some attractions may be booked three to four months in advance. Telephone: (202) 225-3901



HOUSE AND SENATE GALLERIES: Passes to the House and Senate galleries can only be obtained from my Washington office. Children must be at least six years of age to be admitted into the Senate gallery. In the House, an adult must accompany children under 10. Both galleries are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but may be open earlier or later when the House and Senate are in session.

http://www.aoc.gov/visit/visit_overview.htm



MEALS: Cafeterias are located in the Capitol, the Longworth and Rayburn House Office Buildings, the Dirksen Senate Building, and the James Madison Memorial Annex to the Library of Congress. The Madison Cafeteria is open to the public during all hours of business, while the other cafeterias are open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



TRANSPORTATION: Cabs are fast and reliable, but ask for an estimate of the fare before accepting a ride. This way you'll be sure to get the expected fare upon arrival at your destination. Washington visitors can take advantage of Tourmobile Sightseeing buses, a concessionaire of the National Park Service that stops at most major sites in the Washington area. A single fare allows travelers to use the bus for the entire day. Riders can get on and off the buses at any one of the eighteen stops and stay as long as they like. Telephone: (202) 554-5100. www.tourmobile.com The District has limited parking space, and most parking lots in Washington, D.C. are privately owned. You may park in these lots for a fee or park along the street for a maximum of 2 hours. Metered parking is available on some streets. Parking is available during non-business hours on the south side of the White House in front of the Ellipse free of charge. It is advisable to walk or take public transportation rather than drive around to sightsee.



Your Washington office is located in Room 341 Cannon House Office Building, southeast of the Capitol. Visitors may use the New Jersey Avenue and Independence Avenue entrance, the Independence Avenue and 1st Street entrance, or the C Street and 1st Street entrance (near the Capitol South Metro stop). Please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office if I can be of further assistance, or if any unforeseen problems arise during your trip.

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